

**Lake Powell**  
**Tagged Walleye Contest July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017**  
**Information and Rules**

**Purpose:** A new sportfish management plan was developed for Lake Powell in 2015. Among other things, walleye were identified as an underutilized and potentially problematic species in Lake Powell. Walleye numbers have increased drastically in recent years and are expected to continue to do well in the lake. Additionally, they are moving up tributaries (San Juan and Colorado River) causing problems for native species recovery programs. The management plan called for increased promotion and harvest of walleye. This contest will assist UDWR with:

- 1) Additional promotion, excitement, and harvest of walleye
- 2) Enable UDWR to collect valuable information regarding harvest, fishing techniques, timing, and demographics from contestants
- 3) May aid in better understanding of walleye movement up river systems.

**Contest:** The contest will begin on July 1, 2016 and last for one year (we will do additional years depending on success). The UDWR and volunteers from walleye clubs in Utah and Arizona will assist with tagging 1,000 walleye. A list of general locations (Canyon) of tagged fish will be made available to contestants. All contestants will be required to sign up online prior to fishing. Prizes, depending on donations will be given to each contestant that catches a tagged walleye until all prizes have been distributed. At the end of the contest (June 30, 2017) any remaining prizes will be distributed in one/all of the following manners:

- 1) Random drawing based on photos of contestant with walleye at Lake Powell they have harvested. Photos should be submitted to Waynes Words (<http://www.wayneswords.com>) or the DWR Southern Region Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernUtahDWR>)
- 2) Raffle of all registered contestants
- 3) Held for 2017 contest.

**Rules:**

1. Waiver and Release Form must be signed upon registration.  
Register at: <https://wildlife.utah.gov/lake-powell-tagged-fish-contest.html>
2. Contest begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017 or once all prizes have been claimed
3. Rules may be changed at the discretion of the sponsors at any time.
4. All contestants must possess a valid fishing license to fish Lake Powell (see guidebook)
5. All contestants must abide by all fishing regulations (see guidebook).
6. Any contestant catching a tagged Walleye must: 1) take a photo of the fish with tag visible, 2) retain tag in their possession until it can be verified, 3) contact UDWR at [richardhepworth@utah.gov](mailto:richardhepworth@utah.gov), [waynegustaveson@utah.gov](mailto:waynegustaveson@utah.gov), or by phone at 435-865-6100 or 435-691-2205.
7. All Prizes will be mailed once tag and catch have been verified
8. No one will be awarded more than one prize.
9. There will be an automatic disqualification for any fish caught through illegal methods or in contrast to tournament rules. Contest-hosting personnel may disqualify any participant who is suspect of disregarding contest rules at his or her discretion.
10. Contestants are encouraged (and may be rewarded) to display catches and fishing reports at [Waynes Words](#) and/or [Southern Region Facebook Page](#)